



Consider installing a burglar alarm, and only use a company that is registered or certified with the NSI or the SSIAB.



Take photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks and keep them safe. Also consider using an artificial DNA property marker on jewellery or other valuable items.

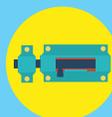
Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not at home.



Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting. Always check by using a spy-hole or look through a window. Don't trust an ID card.



Do not keep large amounts of cash at home - it is much safer in a bank or building society.



Make sure any bolts on gates are low enough so they cannot be opened by reaching over the top.

Make sure that you have up to date contents insurance.



Trim back any plants and hedges at the front of your property to no higher than one metre to remove hiding places.



Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel.

If you have any information about offenders or see something suspicious, please call:

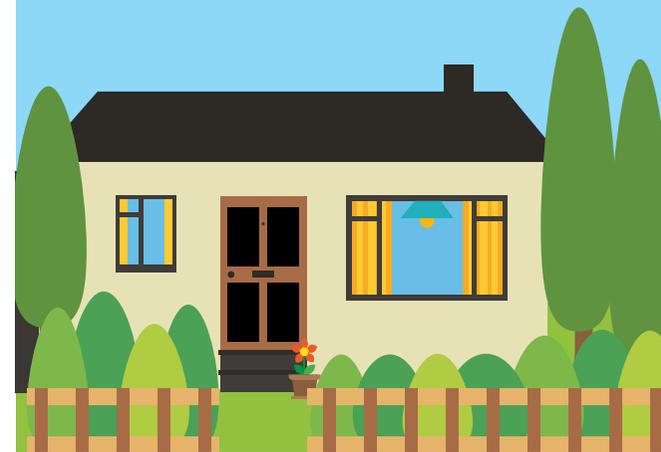
Wiltshire Police on 101

Crimestoppers anonymously on
0800 555 111

In an **EMERGENCY** dial **999**



HOME SECURITY



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We all want to protect our homes, but all too often it takes the loss and distress of being a victim of burglary before we take those simple measures that deter thieves.

Burglars are often opportunists who will happily take advantage of an open window, an unlocked door or valuables left on display if they think they can get away with it.

It's worth taking some simple precautions to reduce the risk of theft from your home.

This leaflet gives a few useful tips on how you can protect your property.

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Remember the following advice to improve the security in and around your home:



Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when just in the garden. And make sure you have approved locks or bolts to all doors and windows.



Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letter box - a thief knows all the hiding places.

Keep all keys, purses and wallets out of sight and away from the letterbox.



Register all serial numbers from electrical items, tools and garden equipment with Immobilise.com the free national property register. Mark items without serial numbers with an artificial DNA property marker such as Smartwater or SelectaDNA.